

Sanbornton Town Park Committee Minutes
November 11, 2021, 10:30am
Location: Sanbornton Town Hall

Present: Barbara Whetstone, Colleen Longo, Patty Kasparian, Jenn Dykstra, and Maya Hardcastle

1. Minutes of October 23, 2021 were amended with corrections, moved to be accepted by Colleen, seconded by Patty. Unanimously approved.

2. Jenn reported she may not be able to be a voting member because she is not an American citizen. She stated Julie Lonergan is inquiring about this. Maya still needs to be sworn in.

3. Skating Rink. Barbara and Colleen reported information discussed at the Sanbornton Recreation Commission, November 9, 2021, regarding a proposal for a skating rink. The Sanbornton Recreation Commission voted to appropriate \$2000 toward a town outdoor winter skating rink at the town park. Amanda will meet with Justin Barriault to discuss. Refer to Recreation Commission minutes of November 9, 2021.

Barbara shared research she had compiled outlaying costs and areas of concern including three proposals for a town skating rink. She also shared this information with the Recreation Commission and the Board of Selectmen.

Barbara and Patti attended the Board of Selectmen meeting of November 10, 2021 where Barbara presented her research about having a town skating rink. Aside from cost, two issues of concern identified were the need for the land to be level for the rink and the need to have volunteers erect, maintain, disassemble and store the rink when not being used. The selectmen indicated the need to establish a level area at the park as a first step in the process. Refer to the Board of Selectmen minutes of November 10, 2021.

Barbara reminded the committee that we are only an advisory committee and have no authority over the skating rink project.

Barbara volunteered to pay for the rental of a laser transit to check the park for a level area. She will check with Amanda if this is needed.

4. Fund raising and grants. Colleen contacted Megan Farkas, Trustee of the Trust Funds, to obtain information about existing trust funds. There is a Town Park Building Trust of \$8687 which is money Julie Lonergan raised for a park building. The Gilman Trust has \$938. Amanda Grappone Osmer has committed \$15,000 toward a town park building. The exact working of these trusts needs to be examined in regard to actual usage allowed.

Patti shared an example of bricks which could be used for a park fund raiser. We will need to secure funding for plants and picnic tables.

5. Town park buildings. The committee would like to look at the building plans which Joel Smith designed. Barbara will contact him. The committee discussed the need for a recreation storage building as a more pressing need to eliminate the present metal

storage containers, one of which is being rented.

6. Other business. Patti had met with John VanTassel who is willing to help remove the present berm between the park and transfer station. The present berm is full of rocks and roots thus not plantable. The committee would like to see either bushes or a fence placed at the berm site. Jenn reported we will need to identify plants if we want Katie Surowiec to order for us when she does her ordering this winter. Jenn suggested the WRHS could be asked to volunteer help in planting. She will contact Amanda Osmer about this and ask Amanda if she would like to attend a Town Park Committee meeting. Colleen, Patty and Maya suggested we attend the Sanbornton Gardening Club meeting on November 17th at the town library, 6:30 pm, to enlist the help of the club. Maya will research picnic tables for the park. They will need to be secured to prevent vandalism and removal. A need for motion sensor lights for the park was suggested.

7. Next meeting will be December 9th, 2021, 10:30am. Location, TBD, will either be at the Sanbornton Town Hall or the Sanbornton Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Whetstone, chairperson